MESSRS. BAGAMANE DEVA GOWDA (Chikmagalur Taluk), MIR MAHOMED SAB (Tarikere Taluk), C. SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa Taluk), SETTARA SIDDAPPA (Tarikere Taluk), B. P. BASAPPA SETTY (Chikmagalur Taluk), MANDEPATEL MANJEGOWDA and M. HUTCHE GOWDA (Mudgere Taluk), and Dharmapravarta M. L. NAGAPPA SETTY (Mysore Indian Planters' Association).—

Q.—14. Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) The yearwar income of toll-gates, both Provincial and District Board that were established three years ago (figures to be furnished separately).

(*b*) The rate of tax on petrol and the year from which that tax is being collected.

(*c*) The number of petrol gallons that have been disposed of out of the total number of petrol gallons imported into this State during the year ending with 30th June 1930 ?

(*d*) The estimated income therefrom per year ?

(*e*) The purpose with which this tax was imposed ?

(*f*) Whether it is a fact that the Government had announced that they would abolish toll-gates after the imposition of the tax on petrol ; if so, when that announcement was made ?

(*g*) The percentage in the fall of income of the toll-gates, both Provincial and District Board, after the abolition of cart-tax (figures to be furnished separately) ?

(*h*) Whether the Government are agreeable even now at least to the abolition of newly established toll-gates?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—14. (*a*) Provincial toll-gates—

1928-29	1929-30	1930-31.
Rs. 1,45,640	Rs. 82,870	Rs. 1,10,875.

District Fund toll-gates—

Rs, 96,492	Rs. 82,758	Rs. 55,905.*

(*b*) The tax has been raised from 4 annas to 6 annas per gallon of petrol by the Government of India with effect from the 5th March 1929.

(*c*) The figures for the official year are not available. The quantity imported during the calendar year 1929 is

* This does not include realisations of the toll-gates on the Huliyar-Arsikere Road in the Arsikere Taluk and of the gates in the Tumkur District for which figures are not available.

1,700,452 gallons and that for the six months ending June 1930, 968,903 gallons. It has to be taken that the quantity imported during the year is the quantity consumed.

(*d*) and (*e*) The tax is imposed by the Government of India and as such no information can be given.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) *Provincial Toll-gates.*—The fall in total revenues is 26·13 per cent for the year 1929-30 and 8·3 per cent for 1930-31 as compared with the revenue for 1928-29.

District Fund Toll-gates.—Bullock carts are not exempted from payment of tolls in the districts of Chitaldrug, Shimoga and Hassan. Figures for Tumkur and Kolar are not available.

As compared with the income of 1928-29 the percentage of decrease in the other districts is as noted below :—

Bangalore District	..	42	per cent
Mysore ,,	..	66	,,
Kadur ,,	..	94	,,

(*h*) *Provincial Toll-gates.*—Does not arise in view of the answers to (*d*) and (*e*) above.

District Fuud Toll-gates.—It is open to the District Boards to propose the abolition of tolls after considering how they propose to make up the loss in other ways.

MR. C. SUBBANNA NAIK (Koppa Taluk).—

Q.—16. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) The number of villages in the State ?

(*b*) The number of baraward Patels and Shanbhogues ?

(*c*) The number of baraward Patels and Shanbhogues who actually attend to the work of their respective offices ?

(*d*) The number of gumastha Patels and Shanbhogues who are appointed for the baraward Patels and Shanbhogues who have attained the age of majority ?

(*e*) The yearly potgi payable to the Patels as well as to the Shanbhogues (information in respect of the above may be furnished Districtwar)?

(*f*) Whether there is any rule that if the potgi of either a certain Patel or Shanbhogue is increased, the potgi of the remaining one should also be increased?

(*g*) When the office of this pateli was first created and with what purpose?